

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In a telephone interview that took place on January 12, 2006, at 9:30 CST, Rhonda L. Sheldon, and Examiner Alexander Eisen discussed proposed amendments to claims 1, 14, and 19. It was agreed that the amendments were acceptable and that Sisselman does not teach saving many loops and selectively viewing the loops.

REMARKS

Claim Objections and § 112 Rejections

Claims 14 and 19 have been amended to cure the objections. Additionally, the rejection of claims 19-23 is believed to have been overcome.

Claim Rejections—Prior Art

In some embodiments of the present invention multiple loops may be defined so that a user may replay a loop, save selected replays, and step to the next loop.

Sisselman does not provide multiple loops that are available for replay and saving to replay later. For example, to the extent that two loops are formed during replay in Sisselman, neither loop can be saved beyond formation. That is, a broken loop is always reformed. *See* Figure 8, 680, 710, 740, and 760. In particular, once isolated memory segments are exited they are added back to the loop and the loop is reformed. [0036] This is true whether the user chooses the “continue” or “real-time” mode. [0036], [0039], [0040]. Moreover, there is no suggestion or motivation in Sisselman to save isolated blocks as the isolated blocks are rejoined to the memory loop and subsequently overwritten.

With respect to new claim 26, Sisselman does not record a sequence of frames as either a first or second loop, and display later frames as they are overwriting one of the two loops. Again, to the extent that two loops are formed during replay in Sisselman, neither loop is overwritten while being displayed. For example, the replayed segments are not overwritten while in replay mode and the segments being written to are not being displayed—the replay is.

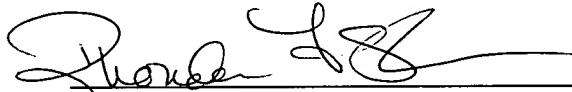
In contrast, in some embodiments of the present invention sequences of frames may be recorded in separately accessible loops, and the user may view a scene as it is being recorded in a loop. For at least this reason, new claim 26 and claims dependent thereon are believed to be patentable over Sisselman.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0625US).

Respectfully submitted,

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